GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Urdu Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to make Urdu education compulsory in schools across the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(b) whether the Government plans to modify the three-language policy, where students learn English, Hindi and their local language in schools and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the three-language policy has succeeded in creating a uniform medium of communication across the country; and
(d) if so, the details of the percentage of students who learn English and Hindi in schools, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a): No, Madam.
(b): No, Madam.
(c): Three language formula is implemented by all the States except the State of Tamil Nadu. The essential aspect for a pedagogically sound practice of mother tongue based multilinguism is realized through enabling learners to start their schooling with their mother tongue and moving to add at least two more languages by the time they complete ten year schooling. Medium of instruction is a matter which falls within the domain of State Governments and UT Administrations. The Government of India financially supports State Governments for opening of Primary, Upper Primary and Secondary Schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA). It is upto the States and UTs to decide the medium of instruction.
(d): State/UT-wise details of the percentage of students enrolled at elementary level in English and Hindi medium as per Unified District Information System for Education, 2015-16 (provisional) are at Annexure.
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